

January 5, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

It has always struck me as a bit odd that our government would have gone after a successful business like Microsoft with as much zeal and enthusiasm as it did. I suppose that, in retrospect, Microsoft should have been a bit more flexible with its Windows operating system (OS) and software than it has, but this is addressed in the settlement.

The settlement dictates that Microsoft's OS be reengineered to make it easier for customers and software designers to install non-Microsoft software. The end user could then re-install Microsoft products easier as well. All in all, the settlement will do many little things such as this to give customers more choices to optimize their computer's abilities.

I am hoping that this settlement will indeed be the last word on this suit, and that our country can begin to turn its attention to other, more important issues.

I am equally hopeful that there will be no further federal action against Microsoft and that our nation's leadership will a bit more circumspect when contemplating any other lawsuit like this one. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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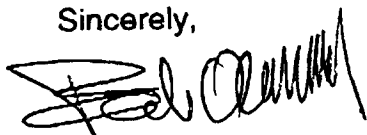
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

After such a long and contentious feud between the Justice Department and Microsoft, I am happy to add my support to the settlement. This settlement is fair to all sides and, more importantly, brings to an end all the bickering and saber rattling that has gone on for the past several years.

I really believe that our government should exhibit more unified support and encouragement to our nation's business community than it has demonstrated through the course of this lawsuit. It might very well be true that Microsoft was a bit more aggressive in protecting its market share than many in our government feel comfortable with. But filing this lawsuit, no matter how well intentioned our government was, betrayed a certain disappointing attitude of intimidation on the part of our government toward the business community at large, rather than the more reasonable position of allowing market conditions to correct any perceived wrongs.

Now that this settlement is in place, I am hopeful that no further government action will be taken, and that we can all get on with the more important priorities in life.

Sincerely,



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